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1. FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED BY CCMS COORDINATOR WARD.
2. THE FOURTH AND FINAL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOLAR ENERGY CCMS PILOT STUDY TOOK PLACE IN DUSSELDORF FRG ON APRIL 17-18. SEVENTEEN COUNTRIES AND THE EC AND NATO WERE REPRESENTED BY THIRTY-SIX PARTICIPANTS. THE US WAS REPRESENTED BY FRED MORSE, DOE, REDFIELD ALLEN AND SHEILA BLUM, UNIV OF MARYLAND, AND PAUL

WARD, US CCMS COORDINATOR. THE TWO-DAY MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO: (A) PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PROGRAM REPORTS, (B) REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDY'S FOUR SUBPROJECTS, AND (C) PREPARATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES. THE PILOT STUDY MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM PERFORMANCE SPONSORED BY CCMS AND THE FRG SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY (ISES).

3. GENERAL THEMES: DELEGATES REPORTED CONTINUING AND SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF NATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS. MUCH OF THIS INCREASED ATTENTION BY THE POLICY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENTS WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE VISIBILITY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MANY OF THE CCMS RELATED PROJECTS. SEVERAL COUNTRIES REPORTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL PROGRAMS OF INCENTIVES AND/OR REGULATORY CONTROLS WHICH ENCOURAGE OR REQUIRE GREATER USE OF ACTIVE AND PASSIVE SOLAR SYSTEMS FOR THE HEATING AND COLLING OF RESIDENTIAL AND OTHER BUILDINGS. AS A COUNTER-CURRENT TO THE US (PILOT COUNTRY), FRANCE AND DENMARK'S (CO-PILOTS) RECOMMENDATIONS TO TRANSFER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE SOLAR ENERGY FIELD TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SEVERAL COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY NON-IEA MEMBERS, URGED CONTINUATION AND EVEN EXPANSION OF THE PILOT STUDY'S WORK.

4. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: AS THE PILOT STUDY ENTERS ITS FINALE CUSTOMERS CONTINUE TO BUY TICKETS FOR THE CONCERT. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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US DELEGATION WAS INFORMED AT THE MEETING THAT BOTH TURKEY AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE DECIDED TO SIGN THE MOU. GIVEN THE RECENT SIGNING BY SPAIN THESE TWO ADDITIONS WILL BRING THE NUMBER OF MOU SIGNATORIES TO SIXTEEN.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES: THE US PREPARED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES WERE GENERALLY AGREED TO WITH MINOR CHANGES THAT REFLECTED THE HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS IN HAVING THE CCMS MECHANISM AS A FALL-BACK IN THE EVENT OTHER PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL COURSES OF ACTION DO NOT PROVE SUCCESSFUL. (A) THERE WAS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO THE CONCEPT OF PROPOSING THE TRANSFER OF THE ZERO-ENERGY HOUSE GROUP (LED BY DENMARK) WORK TO THE IEA, TASK I, SINCE ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF IEA. IT WAS PROPOSED THAT A RECOMMENDATION BE MADE TO IEA TO HOST AN OPEN CONFERENCE AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO DISSEMINATE THE RESULTS OF FUTURE WORK OF THIS GROUP TO INTERESTED COUNTRIES. (B) THE MEETING TOOK COGNIZANCE OF THE IEA WORK ON THE CCMS-DEVELOPED FORMAT FOR REPORTING PERFORMANCE OF SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS AND AGREED TO RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR MUTUAL CCMS/IEA EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON FUTURE FORMAT CHANGES AND THE ADOPTION OF A SINGLE INTERNATIONAL FORMAT. (C) IT WAS AGREED THAT ISES WOULD BE

APPROACHED AND ASKED TO TAKE ON THE PROVIDING OF A FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS. (D) THE CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN APPLICATION GROUP (LED BY FRANCE) DURING THE FOLLOW-UP PERIOD WAS SUPPORTED, WITH THE PROVISIO THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO LOCATE AN APPROPRIATELY BROAD-BASED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO TAKE OVER THE ONGOING WORK. THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION AND DRAFT FINAL REPORT WILL BE CIRCULATED TO NATO DELEGATIONS BY THE US IN EARLY JUNE.DUX

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